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1. SUMMARY. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, FRG MINISTRY
OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEPUTY SECRETARY HAUNSCHILD
INDICATED FRG FAVORS SIGNING OF SPACE LAB INTER-
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GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 15 AS PLANNED TO

DEMONSTRATE PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT AND TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM OF PROGRAM. HAUNSCHILD EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF ESRO SCENARIO FOR PERIOD AUGUST 10-SEPTEMBER 24, WHICH IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED TO EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. FRG PREPARING ADDITIONAL POLITICAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN AFTER AUGUST 15. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT ITALY WOULD SIGN ON SEPTEMBER 24. EMBSCIOFF HAD SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH LOWER LEVEL FRG OFFICIAL IN WHICH MAROTS AND AEROSAT SITUATION DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY HAUNSCHILD, OF MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT), AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST TO REVIEW DECISIONS OF EUROPEAN SPACE CONFERENCE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF SPACE LAB. HAUNSCHILD SAID FRG THOUGHT THE AUGUST 15, US DEADLINE HAD HAD AN IMPACT SO FAR ON EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS IN MOVING THEM TOWARD MAKING DECISION ON SPACE LAB COOPERATION. AS A MEANS TO CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE US AND EUROPEAN COMMITMENT TO SPACE LAB, HAUNSCHILD SAID FRG ANXIOUS TO SIGN AGREEMENT ALBEIT WITH RESERVATIONS ON AUGUST 15 ALONG WITH, HE THOUGHT, BELGIUM, DUTCH AND POSSIBLY THE U.K. FRG FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT FRANCE WILL PARTICIPATE IN SPACE LAB PROJECT AS THEY HAVE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE, DE BOISGELIN OF FOREIGN OFFICE, TO SIGN ESC-ESRO AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 10. US AND FRG CHARGES WOULD SIGN ON THE 15TH SINCE BOTH AMBASSADORS WOULD BE ON LEAVE. HAUNSCHILD SAID FRG SUPPORTS PROPOSED SCENARIO PRESENTLY BEING CIRCULATED BY ESRO, AS REPORTED BY REFTEL C.

3. HAUNSCHILD SAID FRG PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE POLITICAL ACTIONS AFTER AUGUST 15 IN ATTEMPT TO ASSURE ITALIAN PARTICIPATION. HAUNSCHILD REVEALED THAT FRG PRESENTLY CONSIDERING SENDING ANOTHER APPEAL TO PRIME MINISTER RUMOR FROM CHANCELLOR BRANDT. IN THIS CONNECTION, HAUNSCHILD SOLICITED INFORMATION AS TO WHAT ACTION US MIGHT TAKE AFTER AUGUST 15. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED HAUNSCHILD ON US INITIATIVE ALREADY UNDERTAKEN CONFIDENTIAL

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IN ROME AS REPORTED BY REFTELS D AND F.

4. AMBASSADOR WELCOMED THIS CLEAR STATEMENT OF FRG POLICY REGARDING AUGUST 15 SIGNING AND INDICATED THAT USG HAD OF COURSE HOPED TO SIGN ON AUGUST 15 BUT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ITALIAN ATTITUDE. HAUNSCHILD WAS TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE BY USG. AMBASSADOR CORRECTED MISINTERPRETATION,

PRESENTLY CIRCULATING AS RUMOR AND REPORTED BY REFTEL-
CON G, THAT US PREFERRED POSTPONING SIGNING UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 24.

5. AMBASSADOR ASKED HAUNSCHILD TO COMMENT ON WORST
CASE SCENARIO I.E. FAILURE OF ITALY TO COMMIT ANY
FUNDS ON SEPTEMBER 18. HAUNSCHILD SAID THAT
SITUATION WOULD RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, THE FIRST
BEING IF THE FRG SHOULD ASSUME THE ADDITIONAL 20 PERCENT
OBLIGATION. IF THIS HAPPENED, THE FRG WOULD HAVE TO
CONSIDER IF THE SPACE LAB PROJECT SHOULD REMAIN A
MULTILATERAL PROJECT AS IT IS PRESENTLY
CONSTITUTED. IN EVENT OF SHORT FALL IN ITALIAN

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GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION, POSSIBLY DUE TO FRENCH INSISTENCE ON LARGER ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO L-3-S PROJECT, FRG WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHATSTEPS TO TAKE DEPENDING ON AMOUNT OF SHORT FALL. (EMB COMMENT. LOWER LEVEL BMFT OFFICIALS TOLD EMBSCIOFF THAT FRG WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO PICK UP ITALIAN SHORT FALL IF IT IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 5 PERCENT).

6. IN CLOSING HAUNSCHILD REITERATED FRG BELIEF IN POLITICAL VICE TECHNICAL, IMPORTANCE OF SIGNING GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 15 AS IT WILL BE FIRST CONFIDENTIAL

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STEP IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COOPERATIVE ATLANTIC PROGRAM.

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION. LOWER LEVEL FRG OFFICIALS HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON DECISIONS REACHED AT ESC MINISTERIAL. THESE COMMENTS SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED OR ATTRIBUTED.

A. MAROTS - SHOULD ITALY FAIL TO CONTRIBUTE 8 PERCENT, FRG THINKS NORWAY AND NETHERLANDS MIGHT BE ABLE TO SPLIT THIS CONTRIBUTION EQUALLY. MAROTS IS CONSIDERED A PROJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO IMCO AND INDUSTRY

B. AEROSAT. - MINISTERS DID NOT DISCUSS AEROSAT AND PROPOSALS TO AMEND MOU. THEY AGREED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER SPACE LAB SITUATION CLEARED UP IN MID-SEPTEMBER BEFORE CONTINUING CONSIDERATION OF AEROSAT PROPOSAL. FRG OFFICIAL SAID THERE IS NO DIRECT LINK BETWEEN AEROSAT AND SPACE LAB OTHER THAN THAT OF TIMING. HILLENBRAND

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